II. REMARKS

Claims 23-25, 27, 29, 31-66, 68-81 are pending. Claims 24, 27, 29, 34, 36, 59, 60, and 62 are withdrawn.

By this Supplemental Amendment and Response, claims 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 47, 51, 53, 68, 69, 70, and 73 are amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, Applicants submit that each of claims 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 47, 51, 53, 68, 69, 70, and 73 are amended to correct a typographical error and to recite that a definition of Z is –NHCH(R₁₁)COOH. Applicants note that previous to this supplemental amendment, Z was inadvertently defined as "–NRCH(R₁₁)COOH" twice in each claim. Support for this amendment can be found at least on page 3, line 19; page 7, line 3; and claim 1 as originally filed. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 74 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the asserted lack of enablement.

In the Amendment and Response with Filing of a Request Continued Examination filed on July 21, 2008, Applicants amended claim 74 in a manner consistent with the Examiner's recommendation, and therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 74 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the asserted indefiniteness.

In the Amendment and Response with Filing of a Request Continued Examination filed on July 21, 2008, Applicants amended claim 74 to depend from claim 23, which is a non-canceled claim. In light of the amendment, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108281-00000.

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